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# the generalized Numerical Range and its Boundary

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**Abstract.** We consider the boundary of  $C$ -numerical range of a matrix and its related topics in the theory of invariant polynomials

## 1. the generalized numerical range of a matrix as a semi-algebraic set.

We recall the definition of the  $C$ -numerical range. Denote by  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  the set of all  $n \times n$  complex matrices.

**Def.** Let  $A, C$  be  $n \times n$  complex matrices. Set

$$W_C(A) = \{tr(CUAU^*) : U \in U(n)\} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $U(n)$  is the compact group of all unitary matrices of order  $n$ .  $W_C(A)$  is called the  $C$ -numerical range of  $A$ .

It is clear that  $C$ -numerical range is a unitary invariant of the square matrix  $A$ : If  $B$  is unitarily similar to  $A$ , i.e.,  $B = UAU^*$ , then  $W_C(B) = W_C(A)$ . If  $C$  is a rank one orthogonal projection, then the  $C$ -numerical range  $W_C(A)$  coincides with the classical numerical range  $W(A)$ ,

$$W(A) = \{(A\xi, \xi) : \xi \in \mathbb{C}^n, \|\xi\| = 1\}.$$

The generalized numerical range  $W_C(A)$  is the range of the real algebraic variety

$$U(n) = \{U = \{u_{i,j}\}_{1 \leq i,j \leq n} \in \mathbb{C}^{n^2} \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n^2} : \sum_{k=1}^n u_{i,k} \overline{u_{j,k}} = \delta_{i,j} \ (1 \leq i,j \leq n)\} \quad (1.2)$$

under the polynomial mapping

$$(1.3). \quad X \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}^{n^2} \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n^2} \mapsto tr(CXAX^*) \in \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$$

We recall Tarski-Seidenberg's theorem.

**Def.** A subset  $\Lambda$  of the  $n$ -dimensional affine space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be semi-algebraic if  $\Lambda$  is an element of the Boolean algebra generated by the family of sets

$$Z_0(f) = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0\},$$

and

$$Z_1(f) = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) > 0\}$$

where  $f$  varies over the real polynomial ring  $\mathbb{R}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$ .

In other words,  $\Lambda$  is a semi-algebraic set ( $\subset \mathbb{R}^n$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  definition

$$\Lambda = \bigcup_{j=1}^m \bigcap_{k=1}^{l_j} Z_{\epsilon_{j,k}}(f_{j,k})$$

where  $\epsilon_{j,k} \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $f_{j,k} \in \mathbb{R}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$ .

Of course, an algebraic set ( $\subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ) is semi-algebraic.

## a Corollary of Tarski-Seidenberg's theorem.

The range  $\phi(\Lambda)$  of a semi-algebraic set  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  under a polynomial mapping  $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , is semi-algebraic, where  $\phi_j \in \mathbb{R}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m]$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ).

## A Simple Example

$$S^2 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

↓ projection

A closed disc

$$\{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1\}.$$

We remark that the closed disc is semi-algebraic and not algebraic.

**Another Result about Semi-Algebraic Sets.** The boundary  $\partial\Lambda$  of a semi-algebraic set  $\Lambda(\subset \mathbb{R}^n)$  is also semi-algebraic.

Using the result above, Takaguchi, Nishikawa and I proved the following.

**Theorem.** [Takaguchi=Nishikawa=Nakazato[1]] The boundary  $\partial W_C(A)$  of  $C$ -numerical range  $W_C(A) \subset \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$  is the union of a finite number of real algebraic arcs.

Furthermore, using the theorem above and Bezout's theorem, we proved the following.

**Theorem.** The number of non  $\omega$ -regular points of  $\partial W_C(A)$  is finite.

## 2. Concrete $C$ -numerical ranges

Second I consider the  $q$ -numerical ranges of matrices.

We set

$$C = C_q = \begin{pmatrix} q & \sqrt{1-|q|^2} & 0 & 0 \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We denote  $W_{C_q}(A)$  by  $W(A : q)$ . We recall N.K.Tsing's formula.

**A formula due to Tsing.**

$$W(A : q) = \cup \{ q(A\xi, \xi) + \sqrt{1-|q|^2} r \exp(i\theta) \sqrt{||A\xi||^2 - |(A\xi, \xi)|^2} : \xi \in \mathbb{C}^n, ||\xi|| = 1, 0 \leq r \leq 1, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \} \quad (2.2).$$

This formula is rewritten as

$$W(A : q) = \cup \{ B(qz : \sqrt{\phi_A(z)}) : z \in W(A : 1) \} \quad (2.3),$$

where  $\phi_A(z) = \max\{||A\xi||^2 - |z|^2 : \xi \in \mathbb{C}^n, ||\xi|| = 1, (A\xi, \xi) = z\}$  (2.5),  
for  $z \in W(A) = W(A : 1)$ .

We set

$$\psi_A(z) = \max\{||A\xi||^2 : \xi \in \mathbb{C}^n, ||\xi|| = 1, (A\xi, \xi) = z\}.$$

We review N.K.Tsin's results.

**Theorem.** [N.K.Tsing [6]]  $\psi_A$  is a concave function on  $W(A)$  and hence  $\phi_A$  and  $\sqrt{\phi_A}$  are also concave on  $W(A)$ .

Using the theorem above we can prove the following two claims.

**Proposition.**  $A, B_1, \dots, B_m$  : matrices.  $W(A) = \cup_{j=1}^m W(B_j)$ ,  $\phi_A(z) = \max\{\phi_{B_j}(z) : 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow W(A : q) = \cup_{j=1}^m W(B_j : q)$

for every  $q$  with  $|q| \leq 1$ .

**Theorem.** [2] (1) Suppose that  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are arbitrary complex numbers ( $n \geq 3$ ). Then the following equation holds for every  $z \in \text{Conv}(\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\})$  :

$$\phi_{\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)}(z) = \max\{\phi_{\text{diag}(\lambda_{j_1}, \lambda_{j_2}, \lambda_{j_3})}(z) : 1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < j_3 \leq n\}.$$

Hence

$$W(\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n) : q) = \cup \{ W(\text{diag}(\lambda_{j_1}, \lambda_{j_2}, \lambda_{j_3}) : q) : 1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < j_3 \leq n \}.$$

(2) If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $|\lambda_1| = |\lambda_2| = |\lambda_3| = 1$ , then

$$\partial W(\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) : q) \subseteq \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\} \cup \{\partial W(\text{diag}(\lambda_j, \lambda_k) : q) : 1 \leq j < k \leq 3\}.$$

### 3. C-numerical ranges of 2 by 2 matrices

The study of  $C$ -numerical ranges of  $2 \times 2$  matrices is reduces to that of

$$W\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha \\ \beta & 0 \end{pmatrix} : q\right)$$

for  $0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha, 0 \leq q \leq 1$ .

We have the following formula(cf.[3]):

$$W\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha \\ \beta & 0 \end{pmatrix} : q\right)$$

$$= \{r[(\alpha + \beta)/2 + \sqrt{1 - q^2}(\alpha - \beta)/2]\cos(\theta) + \sqrt{-1}r[(\alpha - \beta)/2 + \sqrt{1 - q^2}(\alpha + \beta)/2]\sin(\theta) : 0 \leq r \leq 1, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}, \text{ where } 0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha, 0 \leq q \leq 1.$$

### 4. Relation between generalized numerical ranges and invariant polynomials

It is well known that the following three conditions for  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $x, y$  are mutually equivalent: (i)  $W(x) = W(y)$ ; (ii)  $\text{tr}(x) = \text{tr}(y), \text{tr}(x^2) = \text{tr}(y^2), \text{tr}(x^*x) = \text{tr}(y^*y)$ ; (iii)  $y = UxU^*$  for some unitary matrix.

For  $n \times n$  matrices  $x, y$  the following three conditions are mutually equivalent: (iv)  $W_P(x) = W_P(y)$  for every orthogonal projection  $P$ ; (v)  $W_H(x) = W_H(y)$  for every Hermitian matrix  $H$ ; (vi)  $\det(\lambda I_n - (\alpha x + \beta x^*)) = \det(\lambda I_n - (\alpha y + \beta y^*))$  for every  $\lambda, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ .

In the case  $n = 3$ , the condition (iv) is equivalent to the condition:  $W(x) = W(y), \text{tr}(x) = \text{tr}(y)$ .

**Question.**  $x, y$ :  $3 \times 3$  matrices such that

$$\text{tr}(x) = \text{tr}(y), W(x : q) = W(y : q)$$

for every  $0 \leq q \leq 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow ? \quad \exists U : \text{a unitary matrix such that } y = UxU^* \text{ or } y = U({}^t x)U^*.$$

I had the question above under the influence of the following theorem.

**Theorem.** (S.Teranishi, Nagoya Math.J.1986[8]) . Let  $x, y$  be arbitrary  $3 \times 3$  complex matrices. (1) If

$$\text{tr}(x^k) = \text{tr}(y^k) \quad (k = 1, 2, 3) \quad (4.1),$$

$$\text{tr}(x^*x) = \text{tr}(y^*y) \quad (4.2),$$

$$\text{tr}(x^{*2}x) = \text{tr}(y^{*2}y) \quad (4.3),$$

$$\text{tr}(x^{*2}x^2) = \text{tr}(y^{*2}y^2) \quad (4.4),$$

then there exists a unitary matrix  $U$  such that

$$y = UxU^* \text{ or } y = U({}^t x)U^*$$

(2) If the conditions (4.1),(4.2),(4.3),(4.4) holds and if

$$\text{tr}(x^{*2}x^2x^*x) = \text{tr}(y^{*2}y^2y^*y) \quad (4.5),$$

then there exists a unitary matrix  $U$  such that  $y = UxU^*$ .

We denote by  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  the  $C^*$ -algebra of all  $n \times n$  complex matrices. I want to find a finite subset  $F$  of  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $\{W_C(\cdot) : C \in F\}$  is a complete unitary invariant system(cf.[7],Theorem 10). This desire is influenced by the following theorem.

**Theorem** (cf.[9]) Let  $x, y$  be  $n \times n$  complex matrices. Set  $x_1 = x, x_2 = x^*, y_1 = y, y_2 = y^*$ . If

$$\text{tr}(x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_p}) = \text{tr}(y_{i_1} y_{i_2} \cdots y_{i_p})$$

for every  $1 \leq p \leq 2^n - 1, 1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p \leq 2$ , then there exists a unitary matrix  $U$  such that  $y = UxU^*$ .

We can obtain another criterion by using the following lemma.

**Lemma.** Let  $A, B$  be  $C^*$ -subalgebras of  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $I_n \in A, I_n \in B$ . If  $\phi$  is a  $*$ -isomorphism of  $A$  onto  $B$  satisfying  $\text{tr}(\phi(x)) = \text{tr}(x)$  for every  $x \in A$ , then there exists a unitary matrix  $U$  such that  $\phi(x) = UxU^*$  for every  $x \in A$ .

**Proposition.** If

$$\text{tr}(x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_p}) = \text{tr}(y_{i_1} y_{i_2} \cdots y_{i_p})$$

for every  $1 \leq p \leq 4(n^2 - 3), 1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p \leq 2$ , then there exists a unitary matrix  $U$ , such that  $y = UxU^*$ .

This proposition is stronger than the theorem above under the condition

$$n \geq 8.$$

We have an analogous result.

**Proposition.** If

$$\text{tr}(x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_q}) = \text{tr}(y_{i_1} y_{i_2} \cdots y_{i_q})$$

for every  $1 \leq q \leq 2(n^2 - 3), 1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_q \leq 2$ , then there exists a  $*$ -preserving, Hilbert-Schmidt norm preserving linear bijection of the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(x)$  onto the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(y)$ .

### 5. 3 by 3 orthostochastic matrices

We consider a  $3 \times 3$  real matrix

$$A(x, y, z : u, v, w) = \begin{pmatrix} x+w & y+u & z+v \\ z+u & x+v & y+w \\ y+v & z+w & x+u \end{pmatrix} = xe_1 + ye_2 + ze_3 + ue_4 + ve_5 + we_6,$$

for  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0, u \geq 0, v \geq 0, w \geq 0, x+y+z+u+v+w = 1$ . Here

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$e_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, e_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Such a matrix  $A(x, y, z : u, v, w)$  is called a  $3 \times 3$  doubly stochastic matrix. A  $(3 \times 3)$  doubly stochastic matrix  $D$  is said to be orthostochastic if it is the Hadamard product (entrywise product) of some  $(3 \times 3)$  unitary matrix  $U$  and its conjugate matrix  $\bar{U}$ . The necessary and sufficient condition of Au-Yeng and Poon for a doubly stochastic matrix

$$A(x, y, z : u, v, w)$$

to be orthostochastic (cf.[5]) is stated in another fashion (cf.[4]):

$$x^2y^2 + x^2z^2 + y^2z^2 - 2xyz(x+y+z) + u^2v^2 + u^2w^2 + v^2w^2 - 2uvw(u+v+w) - 4uvw(x+y+z) - 4xyz(u+v+w) - 2(xy+xz+yz)(uv+uw+vw) \leq 0. \quad (5.1)$$

Using this characterization we can obtain the following proposition.

**Proposition ([4])** Suppose that  $A_3$  is the affine hull of the compact convex set of all  $3 \times 3$  doubly stochastic matrices and  $O_3$  is the compact set of all  $3 \times 3$  orthostochastic matrices. Denote by  $\partial O_3$  the boundary of  $O_3$  in the affine space  $A_3$ . Then the following equation holds:

$$\partial O_3 = \{g \circ g : g \in SO(3)\},$$

where  $SO(3)$  is the group of rotations in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space.

Consider a linear functional  $\Psi$  of the complex vector space  $M_3(\mathbb{C})$ ,

$$\Psi : X = \{x_{ij} : 1 \leq i, j \leq 3\} \in M_3(\mathbb{C}) \mapsto (x_{11} + x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{31} + x_{32} + x_{33}).$$

Suppose that  $A$  and  $C$  are complex  $3 \times 3$  diagonal matrices with diagonal entries

$$a = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}, c = \{c_1, c_2, c_3\}$$

respectively. Consider the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $[A : C]$  given as the product  $({}^t a) c$ , that is,

$$[A : C] = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 c_1 & a_1 c_2 & a_1 c_3 \\ a_2 c_1 & a_2 c_2 & a_2 c_3 \\ a_3 c_1 & a_3 c_2 & a_3 c_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the  $C$ -numerical range of  $A$  coincides with the set

$$\{\Psi([A : C] \circ G) : G \in O_3\}.$$

The following proposition is effective to determine the  $C$ -numerical range of a matrix  $A$  under the condition  $A = C$  and  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  complex diagonal matrix.

**Proposition ([4])** Suppose that  $A$  is a complex  $3 \times 3$  complex diagonal matrix. Then the  $A$ -numerical range  $W_A(A)$  coincides with the set

$$\{\Psi([A : A] \circ G) : G \in O_3 \text{ and } ({}^t G) = G\}.$$

Under the condition

$$A = \text{diag}\{1, 0, \alpha\},$$

the description of the boundary of the range  $W_A(A)$  concerns deeply the curve " (Steiner's) Deltoid". We define the Deltoid  $D[z_0 : K : \exp[i\eta]]$  ( $z_0$  is a complex number,  $K$  is a positive number,  $\eta$  is a real number) in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  by the following: Choose  $\exp[i\theta]$  ( $\theta$  is a real number) is an arbitrary cubic root of  $\exp[i\eta]$ .

$$D[z_0 : K : \exp[i\eta]] = \{z_0 + (K/3) \exp[i\theta](2 \exp[2i\phi] + \exp[-i\phi]) : 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi\}.$$

We obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem ([4])** Suppose that  $A = \text{diag}\{1, 0, \alpha\}$  and  $\alpha = a + ib$  where  $a, b$  are real numbers with  $b \neq 0$ . Then the boundary of the range  $W_A(A)$  is a subset of the following set

$$\{(1-t)(1+\alpha^2) + t : 0 \leq t \leq 1\} \cup \{(1-t)(1+\alpha^2) + 2t\alpha : 0 \leq t \leq 1\} \cup \{(1-t)(1+\alpha^2) + t(\alpha^2) : 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$$

$$\cup D[z_0 : K : \exp[i\eta]]$$

where

$$z_0 = (1/(4b^2))\alpha(\bar{\alpha} - 1)(3a^2 - 3a - b^2 + i[b + 4ab]),$$

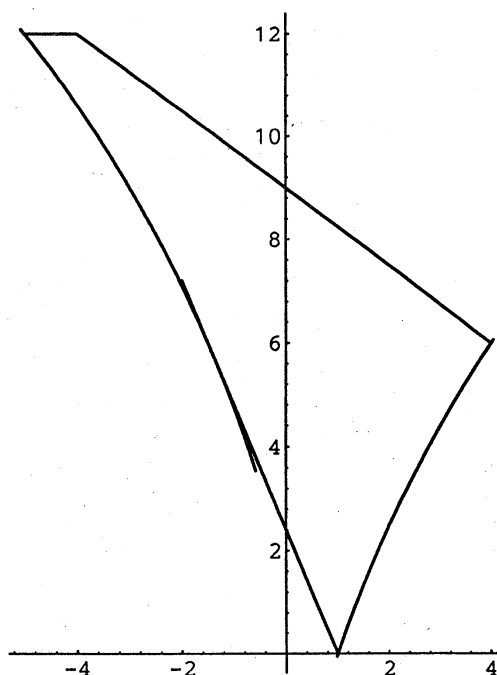
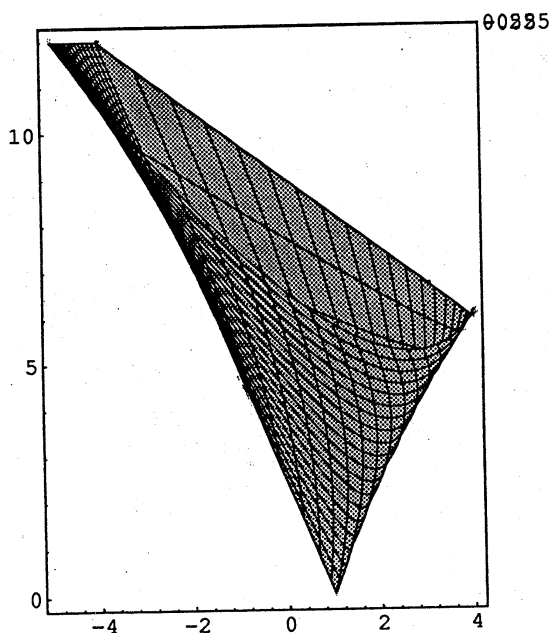
$$K = (3/(4b^2))|\alpha - 1|^2 |\alpha|^2,$$

$$|\alpha|^2 |\alpha - 1|^2 \exp[i \eta] = -(a - a^2 + b - 2a b + b^2)(a - a^2 - b + 2a b + b^2) + i(-2 b)(2a - 1)(a^2 - a - b^2).$$

We give you some graphics about  $C$ -numerical ranges after this document.

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$W_c(C)$

(II-3)  $C = \text{diag}\{1, 0, 2 + 3i\}$ .

Graphics of C-numerical Ranges of Matrices and the set of  
3 x 3 symmetric orthostochastic matrices

(I) The  $q$ -numerical range of a 3 x 3 complex diagonal matrix  $A$ .

(i) The diagonal entries of  $A$  are mutually distinct cubic roots of 1.

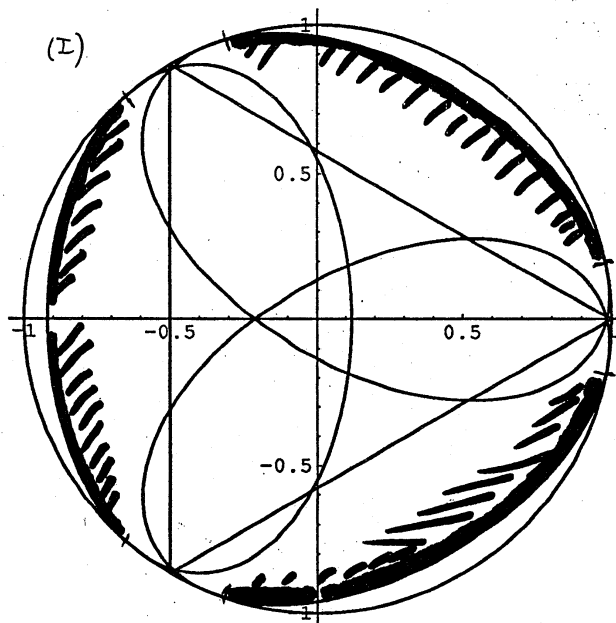
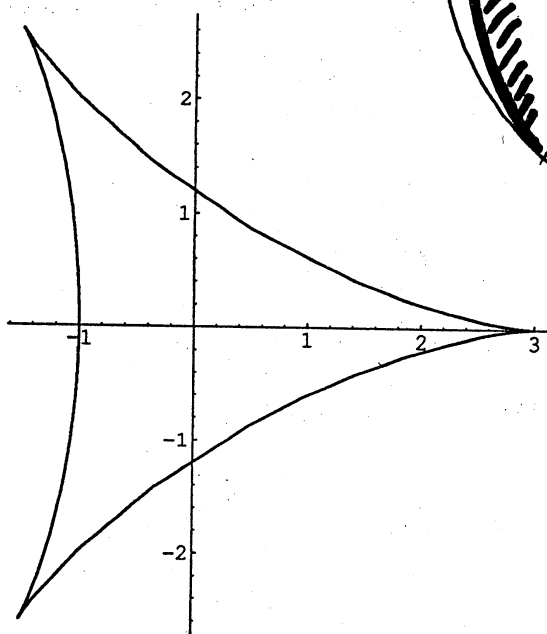
(ii)  $q=4/5$ .

(II) The  $C$ -numerical range  $W_c(C)$  of the 3 x 3 complex diagonal matrix.

(II-1) The diagonal entries of  $C$  are mutually distinct cubic roots of 1. This generalized numerical range coincides with the closed domain surrounded by the Deltoid  $D(0,3,1)$ :

$$x=2 \cos(2t) + \cos(2t), y=2\sin(2t) - \sin(2t)$$

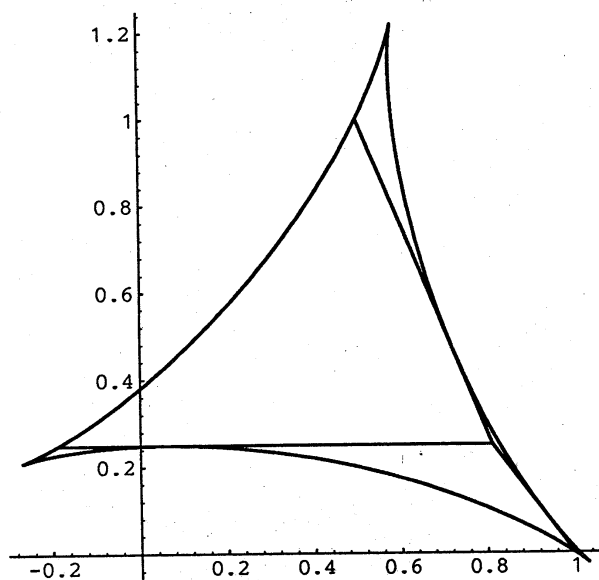
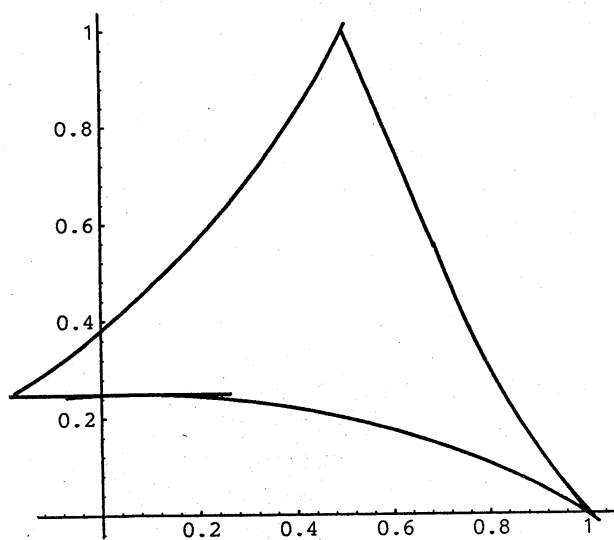
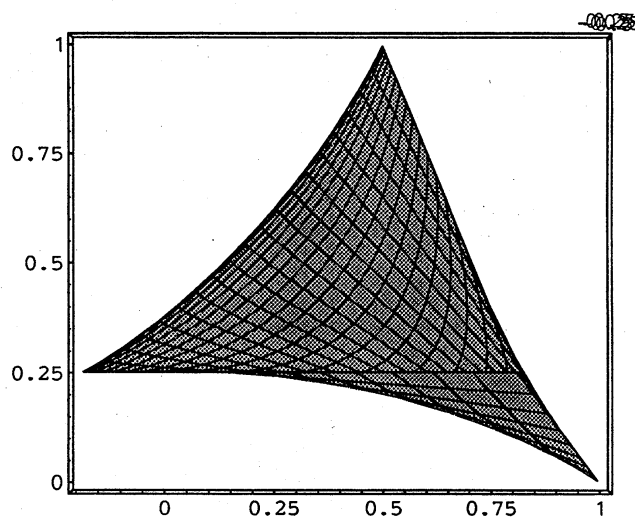
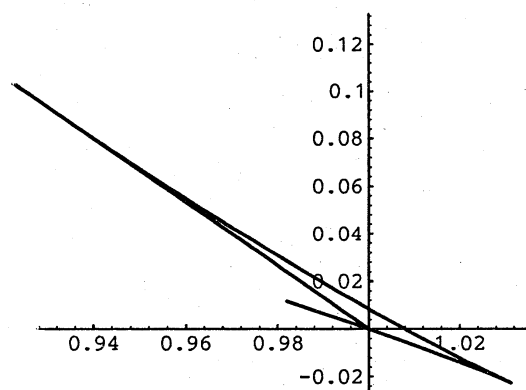
(II-1)





(II-2)  $C = \text{diag}\{1, 0, (1/4) + i(1/2)\}$ .

One graphic describes the range  $W_c(C)$  based on the command  
`ParametricPlot3D` (2-parameter plot) in `Mathematica` (ver2.0,  
 hardware : Apple,Quadra 900) . Other three graphics describe  
 its boundary based on the command `ParametricPlot` (1-parameter  
 plot on the plane).



(III) The set of  $3 \times 3$  symmetric orthostochastic matrices in the 3-dimensional affine space  $H$  of all  $3 \times 3$  symmetric real matrices  $\{(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}), (a_{12}, a_{22}, a_{23}), (a_{13}, a_{23}, a_{33})\}$  such that

$$a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{13} = a_{12} + a_{22} + a_{23} = a_{13} + a_{23} + a_{33} = 1.$$

We use a non-orthogonal coordinates system  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  in  $H$  for which:

$$\{(1/3, 1/3, 1/3), (1/3, 1/3, 1/3), (1/3, 1/3, 1/3)\} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle,$$

$$\{(0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1)\} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle,$$

$$\{(0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\} = \langle -1/2, \sqrt{3}/2, 0 \rangle,$$

$$\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0)\} = \langle -1/2, -\sqrt{3}/2, 0 \rangle,$$

$$\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\} = \langle 0, 0, b \rangle$$

for some  $b > 0$ .

